

# Good Things are Happening at Northgate!

## YOU ASKED FOR IT. WE HEARD YOU!

In the Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan, the community asked for improved pedestrian and vehicle circulation and a healthy blend of commercial and residential uses.

**\*Policies 5 & 9**

## THE CITY PROPOSES...

With improved city regulations, the proposed Northgate design guidelines, the coordinated traffic approach and a continued commitment to the Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan, Northgate will become a revitalized urban center economy.

### *Lift the General Development Plan (GDP) Requirement*

The Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan articulated the community's vision to transform Northgate into a pedestrian-oriented urban environment. The GDP was adopted in 1993 as one policy within the Comprehensive Plan with the intent to improve site planning, vehicle circulation and parking; this approach has failed. In the decade since the GDP requirement was adopted, nothing has been built under it. The City has found better ways to invest in and catalyze the community's vision.

### *Northgate Design Guidelines*

Proposed Northgate design guidelines tackle the neighborhood's unique design issues. When used in conjunction with the Citywide Design

Guidelines, they can improve urban design to support the Northgate community's vision.

### *Changes to Open Space*

Proposed open space code changes will allow property owners to provide open space on 15 percent of their development. Open space, including plazas, walkways and landscaping, will be protected by existing city requirements, including design review, permitting and State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) review.

### *Changes to Allow Library and Community Center Along Street*

This code change will allow the library, community center and park as permitted uses within the Northgate Overlay District. Without this change these facilities can not be built to fulfill the community's vision.

## NEXT STEPS AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Continue to work with members of the Community Design Guidelines
- Committee to review outstanding issues
- Final 30-day public comment period, prior to publishing environmental decision (State Environmental Protection Act review)
- 21 Day SEPA Decision appeal period

*Courtesy of Seattle Department of Design, Construction and Land Use*

## It's time to invest in Northgate!

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